



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Planning Committee

19 March 2026



S25/2444

Proposal:	Remove Sycamore tree, Mulberry tree and Weeping Ash tree (TPO-188)
Location:	St Wulfram's Church, Church Street, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6SR
Applicant:	Mr Andrew Igoea
Application Type:	TPO Tree Application
Reason for Referral to Committee:	SKDC is Applicant and Landowner
Key Issues:	Impact on the amenity of the area Justification for the works

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Corporate Priority:

Growth

Decision type:

Regulatory

Wards:

Grantham St Wulfram's

Reviewed by:

Phil Jordan, Development Management & Enforcement Manager

10 March 2026

Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s)

1. To authorise the Assistant Director – Planning & Growth to GRANT Consent, subject to conditions.

S25/2444 TPO St Wulfram's Church, Church Street, Grantham



Key



Application
Boundary



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1 Description of Site

- 1.1 The application site is situated in the grounds of St Wulfram's Church running along Church Street and Castlegate. The site also situated within Grantham Conservation Area.

2 Description of proposal

With regards to TPO works only

2.1 Tree 07Y7, Sycamore

Located in the south-west corner of the churchyard, this tree forms part of a dense group adjacent to properties in St Wulfram's Court and Swinegate. Due to competition within the group, it leans heavily to the south. Removal is proposed to reduce future maintenance requirements and to benefit neighbouring trees.

2.2 Tree 07YJ, Mulberry

Located on the south side of the church amongst headstones, this tree is more shrub-like in form. Removal is proposed to prevent damage to headstones and to facilitate vegetation management in this area.

2.3 Tree 07YL, Weeping Ash

Situated outside the south door of the church, this tree has been previously topped, resulting in a reduced crown formed by regrowth. Extensive decay is present at the old topping points. Further topping would be visually detrimental; therefore, removal is proposed.

3 Relevant Considerations

- 3.1 South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) has a duty to assess the value of the tree/s subject to this application and the likely impact of the proposal on the amenity of the area. It must consider whether or not the proposal is justified having regard to the reasons put forward in support of it.
- 3.2 The Council must consider whether any loss or damage is likely to arise if consent is refused or granted subject to conditions and whether it will impact on the amenity of the area. Each application will be treated on its merits.

4 Representations Received

- 4.1 There were no representations received for the proposal.

5 Evaluation

- 5.1 The application has been submitted by the Council's Tree Officer, who has advised that the works have been identified as necessary for reasonable management of the church grounds.
- 5.2 The proposed tree works are considered to be reasonable and justified. There would not be any harm to the visual amenity of the area as a result of the proposed works that are recommended to be undertaken in the interests of good arboricultural practice.
- 5.3 Subject to the conditions proposed, it is considered that the works would not result in any harm to the visual amenity of the area and there would be clear public safety benefits from the proposed works.

6 Crime and Disorder

6.1 It is considered that the proposal would not result in any significant crime and disorder implications.

7 Human Rights Implications

7.1 Articles 6 (Rights to fair decision making) and Article 8 (Right to private family life and home) of the Human Rights Act have been taken into account in making this recommendation. It is considered that no relevant Article of that act will be breached.

8 Conclusion

Taking the above into account, it is considered that the proposed tree works would not result in any harm to the visual amenity of the area and there would be clear public safety benefits from the proposed works.

9 Recommendation

To authorise the Assistant Director of Planning & Growth to GRANT consent, subject to conditions:

1. All works should be completed within two years of the date of this notice.
2. All works should be carried out in accordance with the British Standard BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work-Recommendations.

Standard Note(s) to Applicant:

In reaching the decision the Council has worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner by determining the application without undue delay. As such it is considered that the decision is in accordance with paras 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Standard Wildlife Informative.

Tree location plan

20/09/2024

Tree Locations (ref: SWC 001)

